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**Chapter 7 Sport Fish Restoration Reverted Funds**

**520 FW 7**

**7.1 What is the purpose of this chapter?** It provides eligibility criteria and administrative procedures for the use of Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration reverted funds.

**7.2 What are Sport Fish Restoration reverted funds?** Reverted funds are those funds apportioned to any State under the provisions of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act that are unexpended or unobligated at the end of the period during which they are available for expenditure. The Secretary will make all such funds available for Fish and Wildlife Service research programs on fish of material value for sport or recreation.

**7.3 What is the authority for use of reverted funds?** The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777-777I, as amended) authorizes the use of Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration reverted funds.

**7.4 Who is responsible for managing this program?**

**A.** The Director retains the authority for the selection of projects to use reverted Sport Fish Restoration Funds.

**B.** The Assistant Director - Fisheries and Habitat Conservation manages the granting process for reverted Sport Fish Restoration funds and:

(1) Solicits, evaluates, and forwards recommendations to the Director regarding funding priorities.

(2) Examines all proposals for compliance with applicable Federal laws and regulations.

(3) Assures that stated objectives are accomplished with the funding provided within proposed time frames.

**C.** The Division of Federal Aid notifies the Assistant Director - Fisheries and Habitat Conservation of the availability of reverted funds by November 15 of each year.

**7.5 Who is eligible to participate under this chapter?** The only proposals eligible for consideration and funding are fishery research proposals from the Service or entities acting for the Service through an agreement or contract.

**7.6 What are the eligible purposes for these grants?** Reverted funds available under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act may be made available only to projects that support research for fish of material value for sport or recreation.

**7.7 Are there any special funding considerations?** The amount of money available varies widely from year to year and is sometimes zero. Generally, we will not select proposals for funding unless their total cost can be covered from available funds. Since these are no-year funds, we will consider multiple year proposals.

**7.8 What are the selection criteria for a project?** We will base project selection recommendations on the following criteria:

**A. Scope.** Proposals that address problems or needs that are of direct concern to the greatest number of States.

**B. Significance.** Proposed projects that must be undertaken immediately to facilitate decision-making or provide information needed for management.

**C. Feasibility.** Projects that have a high likelihood of being completed within the specified time frame and budget.

**D. Cost Effectiveness.** Expected benefit of a project to recreational fisheries relative to its total cost.

**7.9 What format do I use for proposals?** Limit proposals for the use of reverted funds under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act to one page and use the format in Exhibit 1.

**7.10 Where do I send my proposal?**

**A.** Send proposals for the use of reverted funds to the Assistant Director - Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, NW., Suite 3245, Washington, D.C. 20240.

**B.** You may obtain information about submission and target award dates for each year from the Assistant Director - Fisheries and Habitat Conservation at the above address.

**7.11 Should I be aware of any general or special compliance issues?** Grantees must comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations as a condition of acceptance of Federal funds. In addition to the laws and regulations specific to this grant program, there are numerous other compliance requirements to the Federal grant programs. Those generally applicable to all Federal grant programs are listed as Assurances in 523 FW 1.

**7.12 Where can I find additional guidance on this program?** 522 FW 11 contains guidance on general administrative requirements and program standards for documentation and execution.

**7.13 Do I have to submit a report?** Grantees must submit a final report to the Assistant Director - Fisheries and Habitat Conservation within 90 days after completion of the project. For multi-year projects, grantees must submit an annual report accounting for the use of funds and detailing progress toward stated objectives. Submit the annual report to the Assistant Director - Fisheries and Habitat Conservation by December 31 of each year.